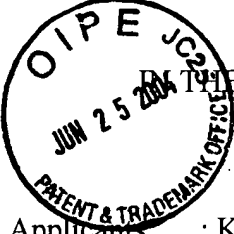


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METER AND AN AUTOFOCUS SYSTEM, AND A SURVEYING
INSTRUMENT HAVING A DETACHABLE AUTOFOCUS SYSTEM

CORRECTION OF CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119, Applicants note that the filing date of the priority document, Japanese Application No. 2000-261075, as indicated on the Claim Of Priority filed March 25, 2004 is incorrect. The date should be

August 30, 2000

instead of August 8, 2000. Applicants note that the date is correct on the executed declaration filed March 25, 2004 and on the Official Filing Receipt.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 2000-261075, filed August 30, 2000 and 2000-274365, filed September 11, 2000. As required by the Statute, a certified copy of the Japanese applications was filed on August 27, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,
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